

**TEMPORARY DIRECTIONAL SIGNS  
FOR A YARD SALE  
OR OTHER SPECIAL EVENT  
Questions and Answers**

This question and answer brief is not a code, nor are they written in code language. It is intended to provide an overview of the sign regulations and how they apply. A copy of the actual code text is available from the Building and Codes Department, located in City Hall. For assistance call Sheila Lilly, Department Coordinator at 893-3750.

**Question:** *Where can I display my signs?*

**Answer:**

Do:

You may place up to four directional signs on private property, after obtaining permission from the property owner. Additionally, you may have up to two signs on your property.

Don't:

Don't place signs on private property without the owner's permission.

Don't place signs on public property. This includes public rights of way and public utility poles.

**Question:** *How do I know where the right of way is?*

**Answer:**

The right of way can generally be determined by the utility poles, which are located near the outer most edge of the right of way. If you place your sign at least one foot or more behind the lines of the utility poles, you should be in good shape. If a sidewalk is present, place the sign behind the sidewalk and behind the lines of the utility poles.

In areas with no utility poles, the right of way can generally be determined by the concrete curbs, which are usually located six feet from the outer most edge of the right of way. If you place the sign at least seven feet or more behind the curb line, you should be in good shape. If a sidewalk is present, place the sign behind the sidewalk.

Note: If you can't determine where the right of way is, help is just a phone call away.  
Call the City of Murfreesboro Sign Inspector at 893-3750.

**Question:** *How long can I leave my signs out?*

**Answer:**

We ask that you remove them immediately upon the conclusion of the special event.

**Question:** *Do I have to obtain a sign permit?*

**Answer:**

Permits are not required for temporary ground signs..

**Question:** *What happens if my signs don't comply?*

**Answer:**

Rights of Way: The City will impound signs placed on public rights of way. Any person violating these City Code provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be cited to City Court and fined fifty dollars(\$50.00) for each violation and for each day that the violation continues.

Other: The City will give a verbal or written two day warning notice if signs are placed in violation of the sign ordinance. If the violation is not corrected within two days, the city will impound the sign.

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